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Title: **METHOD FOR PRODUCING A SUBSTANTIALLY CONTINUOUS  
NONPOROUS THERMPLASTIC COATING AND ARTICLE CONSTRUCTED  
THEREFROM**

Honorable Commissioner of Patent  
and Trademarks  
Washington D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the Specification

At p. 1, line 8, insert

a' "Related Applications

This application is a continuation-in-part of PCT/EP98/01588 filed March 18,  
1998, which claims priority to DE 197 53 266.7, filed December 1, 1997."

At p. 25, line 18, replace "diagram" with --Figure 11--.

At p. 25, line 18, replace "diagram" with --figure--.

At p. 27, line 35, insert;

a2 "In order to demonstrate the improvement in gloss that can be obtained with the  
present invention, laminations were prepared with the same substrates using  
both a hot melt adhesive and a waterbase adhesive. The hot melt adhesive  
composition comprised 4 wt-% A-C 540 Copolymer (ethylene acrylic acid

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